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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Review Status of 69 Pacific Region Species

Latest scientific and commercial information sought for update -

Idaho's Kootenai River white sturgeon and northern Idaho ground squirrel included in review

The Pacific Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today it is initiating 5-year reviews of 69 species from Idaho, Washington, Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

To assist in its reviews, the Service is opening a 60-day public comment period for the submission of scientific and commercial information relevant to their listing status under the Act. The public, government agencies, tribes, industry and the scientific and conservation communities are asked to submit information by June 7. However, we accept new information about any listed species at any time.

The species to be reviewed include 2 mammals, 1 fish, 12 insects, and 54 plants. In the Pacific Northwest this includes the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit, Kootenai River white sturgeon and northern Idaho ground squirrel. The remaining 66 species are found in Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. A full list of the species along with their current classification status is provided at the end of this news release.

Periodic status reviews of all listed species are required by the Endangered Species Act at least once every five years to determine whether a species' classification as threatened or endangered is still appropriate. If the best scientific and commercial data produced since the time of listing are not consistent with the current classification of any species, the Service will recommend a change in the species' federal classification. A species could be recommended for reclassification from endangered to threatened (downlisting), from threatened to endangered (uplisting), or for removal from the federal list of threatened and endangered species (delisting).

Any recommended change in classification would be subject to a separate rule-making process that includes opportunities for public review and comment. If no change in classification is recommended, the species would remain under its current listing status.

Information that is considered in a status review includes:

- Species biology, including but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics and genetics;

- Habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution and suitability;
- Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;
- Threat status and trends; and
- Other new information, data or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the list, and improved analytical methods.

For more information on the status reviews please see today's Federal Register <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year reviews addressing species for which the Pacific Region has lead responsibility is available at: <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ecoservices/endangered/recovery/5year.html>

To ensure consideration in our reviews, we are requesting submission of new information no later than June 7 to the following addresses.

HAWAII, GUAM, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

For the 66 species under review in Hawaii, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (see the Table below), submit information to: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 3-122, Box 50088, Honolulu, HI 96850. Information can also be submitted by e-mail to: pifwo-5yr-review@fws.gov.

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For the Kootenai River white sturgeon and northern Idaho ground squirrel, submit information to: State Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Room 368, Boise, ID 83709. Information can also be submitted by e-mail to: FW1SRBOcomment@fws.gov. Please direct species-specific questions for Kootenai River white sturgeon to Jason Flory at 509-893-8003; for the northern Idaho ground squirrel, contact Kendra Womack, 208-685-6951.

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For the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit, submit information to: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 510 Desmond Dr. SE, Suite 102, Lacey, WA 98503. Information can also be submitted by e-mail to: FW1CBPRabbit@fws.gov.

TABLE —Species for which we are initiating a status review to determine if they are appropriately listed under the Endangered Species Act				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Where Listed	Final Listing Rule
ANIMALS				
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila aglaia</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila differens</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila hemipeza</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila heteroneura</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila montgomeryi</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006

Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila mulli</i>	T	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila musaphila</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila neoclavisetae</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila obatai</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila ochrobasis</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila substenoptera</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Pomace fly, [Unnamed]	<i>Drosophila tarphytrichia</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	71 FR 26835; 5/9/2006
Rabbit, Pygmy	<i>Brachylagus idahoensis</i>	E	Columbia Basin DPS	66 FR 59734; 11/30/2001
Squirrel, Northern Idaho Ground	<i>Spermophilus brunneus brunneus</i>	T	U.S.A. (ID)	65 FR 17779; 4/5/2000
Sturgeon, White	<i>Acipenser transmontanus</i>	E	U.S.A. (ID, MT), Canada (B.C.) (Kootenai R. system)	59 FR 45989; 9/6/1994
PLANTS				
No common name	<i>Alsinidendron obovatum</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	56 FR 55770; 10/29/1991
No common name	<i>Amaranthus brownii</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 43178; 8/21/1996
`Ahinahina	<i>Argyroxiphium sandwicense ssp. sandwicense</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	51 FR 9814; 3/21/1986
No common name	<i>Asplenium fragile insulare</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 49025; 9/26/1994
`Akoko	<i>Chamaesyce celastroides var. kaenana</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	56 FR 55770; 10/29/1991
`Akoko	<i>Chamaesyce deppeana</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 14482; 3/28/1994
`Akoko	<i>Chamaesyce herbstii</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
`Akoko, Ewa Plains	<i>Chamaesyce skottsbergii var. kalaeloana</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	47 FR 36846; 8/24/1982
`Oha wai	<i>Clermontia drepanomorpha</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
`Oha wai	<i>Clermontia pyrularia</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Haha	<i>Cyanea copelandii</i> ssp. <i>copelandii</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Haha	<i>Cyanea grimesiana</i> ssp. <i>obatae</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 32932; 6/27/1994
Haha	<i>Cyanea pinnatifida</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	56 FR 55770; 10/29/1991

Haha	<i>Cyanea platyphylla</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
Haha	<i>Cyanea st.-johnii</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
Haha	<i>Cyanea stictophylla</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Haha	<i>Cyanea superba</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	56 FR 46235; 9/11/1991
Haha	<i>Cyanea truncata</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 14482; 3/28/1994
Ha'iwale	<i>Cyrtandra dentata</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
Ha'iwale	<i>Cyrtandra giffardii</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Ha'iwale	<i>Cyrtandra tintinnabula</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
No common name	<i>Delissea undulata</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
No common name	<i>Gahnia lanaiensis</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	56 FR 47686; 9/20/1991
No common name	<i>Gouania vitifolia</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 32932; 6/27/1994
No common name	<i>Hedyotis degeneri</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	56 FR 55770; 10/29/1991
Pilo	<i>Hedyotis mannii</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	57 FR 46325; 10/8/1992
Hau kuahiwi	<i>Hibiscadelphus woodii</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
Aupaka	<i>Isodendrion hosakae</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	56 FR 1454; 1/14/1991
Kamakahala	<i>Labordia tinifolia</i> var. <i>lanaiensis</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	64 FR 48307; 9/3/1999
Nehe	<i>Lipochaeta micrantha</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 9304; 2/25/1994
No common name	<i>Lipochaeta venosa</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	44 FR 62468; 10/30/1979
No common name	<i>Mariscus fauriei</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Alani	<i>Melicope munroi</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	64 FR 48307; 9/3/1999
No common name	<i>Neraudia sericea</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 56333; 11/10/1994
No common name	<i>Nesogenes rotensis</i>	E	Western Pacific Ocean: U.S.A. (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)	69 FR 18499; 4/8/2004
`Aiea	<i>Nothocestrum breviflorum</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Holei	<i>Ochrosia kilaueaensis</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994

No common name	<i>Osmoxylon mariannense</i>	E	Western Pacific Ocean: U.S.A. (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)	69 FR 18499; 4/8/2004
Makou	<i>Peucedanum sandwicense</i>	T	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 9304; 2/25/1994
No common name	<i>Phyllostegia glabra</i> var. <i>lanaiensis</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	56 FR 47686; 9/20/1991
Kiponapona	<i>Phyllostegia racemosa</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
No common name	<i>Phyllostegia velutina</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
No common name	<i>Phyllostegia warshaueri</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
Kuahiwi laukahi	<i>Plantago hawaiiensis</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Hala pepe	<i>Pleomele hawaiiensis</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
Po'e	<i>Portulaca sclerocarpa</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Lo'ulu	<i>Pritchardia affinis</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Lagu, Hayun	<i>Serianthes nelsonii</i>	E	Western Pacific Ocean: U.S.A. (Guam, Rota)	52 FR 4907; 2/18/1987
`Anunu	<i>Sicyos alba</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	61 FR 53089; 10/10/1996
No common name	<i>Stenogyne angustifolia</i> var. <i>angustifolia</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	44 FR 62468; 10/30/1979
No common name	<i>Tetramolopium arenarium</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 10305; 3/4/1994
Pamakani	<i>Tetramolopium capillare</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	59 FR 49860; 9/30/1994
Vetch, Hawaiian	<i>Vicia menziesii</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	43 FR 17910; 4/26/1978
No common name	<i>Viola lanaiensis</i>	E	U.S.A. (HI)	56 FR 47686; 9/20/1991

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